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*****December 1980*****

December 5 Christmas Party/meeting at 6981st Chalet, EAFB, instead of usual monthly meeting at UAA. Reservations had to have been made by Nov. 19
9 PARKA Christmas Party & meeting-Tanya, WA1RVG's QTH, 753-8276-EAFB, 6:30 p.m.
17 Monthly Board of Directors' Meeting-Bill Reiter, KL7ITI's QTH-7 p.m.
25 MERRY CHRISTMAS
January 1 HAPPY NEW YEAR
2 Regular monthly Club meeting-UAA Consortium Library, 7 p.m.

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Jay Mead, KL7IEN, advises that the KL7JFU repeater, 146.25/85, is in Knik, not in Big Lake. The Matanuska Amateur Radio Association has elected new officers and has big plans to get the club growing again. If you are interested in supporting the Valley club call Jay on 34/94, 25/85 or 376-2046 (home), or 279-5577 (work).

Fur Rendezvous 1981- Bill Reiter, KL7ITI, is the chairman for the February event. If you want to sign up early for a checkpoint call him on 34/94 or 337-1779.

Iditarod 1981 - Ham headquarters will be on the third floor of the Sheraton Hotel. Plans are under way with lots of people already volunteering for trail check points. Hams in Anchorage will be needed at comm central for the duration of the race. Call Chip KL7IUI, 333-5713 for info.

Senior National Championship Cross Country Ski Races-Last week in January,
(Sat & Sun, following Wednesday and Saturday. Ski-in check points available.
Call Bill , KL7ITI for info. 337-1779



A PHONETIC PRISONER

by Frank Rytenhyde Saletri, Esq.

Charlie* November* who had won the tango* contest the night before, sat at the bar having his third whiskey* and soda, waiting for his brother Mike*, who specialized in the Quebec* style foxtrot*, when he first saw her come slowly down the hotel* stairs. His eyes widened.

She was a knockout. Her name was Juliette* Sierra* and she was from Lima*, Peru. She reached the first landing and stood there, looking tall, feeling the eyes of the entire room on her. Then, Mike November* walked in, he stopped in the doorway as he saw his brother. His head turned as he followed the direction of his brother's gaze. He saw her, and his knees turned to ice water.

Juliette smiled, taking it all in. She had been "adopted" by the Yankee* war hero whom she called her Papa* Oscar*. Papa Oscar ran this island with an iron fist, and Charlie and Mike November never had a chance!

The boy's never had a chance because in India*, Papa Oscar had found a Zulu* who was an X-ray* expert. And, as Mike November had walked through the door, the grass he was carrying had set off the concealed X-ray machine hidden in the entrance. The Zulu immediately spotted the Kilo* in Mike's bulky uniform*. He looked up at the office window on the second floor where Papa Oscar stood watching the action. Papa Oscar's head bobbed up and down, and the Zulu walked up to Mike and put the arm on him. Mike ignored him, his eyes locked on Juliette Sierra. This Romeo* would be no victor* tonight with her. Papa Oscar rubbed the back of his hand against his forehead in a feeble attempt to quell the pain. In a previous brush-fire war, he had his brain's alpha* waves damaged, and the pain and the nervous nod were the result. "Bravo!*" he smiled, as the Zulu took Mike out the door and into the hands of the waiting gendarmes. He looked over at Charlie, frozen at the bar, watching the arrest of his brother. The smile on Papa Oscar's face changed to a look of hate. "One down and one to go," he snarled. He would keep the Island clean!

Little did he dream that, at that moment, down on the delta* the echo* of a low flying grass-smuggler's plane had been picked up by the radar operator Papa Oscar had hired for just that reason. It would also mean that the next morning, he would be unable to play his usual round of golf* with the mayor.....
(to be continued when "they" again change the phonetic radio code)

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The 90/30 repeater has been fixed up with a new heavy-duty Station Master antenna to withstand the winter winds and weather. A work party went up the 1st of November to do the repairs to the antenna as well as winter-proofing the building. Thanks to Bob McKinnie, AL7AW, Al Bianco, KL7FKO, Roy Hansen, KL7GQ, and Richard Goshorn, KL7EW for braving the cold and the rough roads up to Site Summit. Any further repairs will have to be done either by snow machine or helicopter access to the Site for the remainder of the winter. The Coast Guard provided the materials for fixing up the building while our guys provided the muscle.

PLEASE READ

The following is a reprint of H.R.-7747. Please read it and note the horrendous possibilities it could entail. On the following page is the letter being sent by the AARC to all Legislators we are in contact with. Please follow this format or draft on of your own and send to our Senators and Representative. The names and addresses will follow. It is important that we as citizens and amateurs be heard on this proposed violation of freedom.

If you wish to draft your own letter there are some helpful hints for you to help your letter be more effectual.

To amend the Communications Act of 1934 to prohibit the unauthorized interception and use of subscription telecommunications and to protect the privacy of the users of such telecommunications.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

July 2, 1980

Mr. Preyer introduced the following bill; which was referred jointly to the Committees on Interstate and Foreign Commerce and the Judiciary

A BILL

To amend the Communications Act of 1934 to prohibit the unauthorized interception and use of subscription telecommunications and to protect the privacy of the users of such telecommunications.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Communications Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 15 et seq.) is amended by inserting after section 5 the following new section:

"UNAUTHORIZED INTERCEPTION AND USE OF SUBSCRIPTION TELECOMMUNICATIONS

"Sec. 6. (a)(1) Except as provided in paragraph (4), a person who-

"(A) knowingly carries out an unauthorized interception of a subscription telecommunication; or

"(B) knowingly attempts to carry out, or conspires to carry out, an unauthorized interception; shall be liable for civil penalties under subsection (b) and shall be subject to criminal penalties under subsection (c)(1).

"(2) Except as provided in paragraph (4), a person who-

"(A) knowingly carries out an unauthorized interception of a subscription telecommunication; and

"(B) knowingly uses the subscription telecommunication for his own commercial advantage or financial gain, or for the commercial advantage or financial gain of any other person; shall be liable for civil penalties under subsection (b) and shall be subject to criminal penalties under subsection (c)(2).

"(3) For purposes of this ~~Subsection~~, the interception of a subscription telecommunication by any person shall not be considered an unauthorized interception if-

"(A) such person is the originator of the subscription telecommunication, or his agent;

"(B) such person has agreed to pay a fee or charge to the person originating the subscription telecommunication, or his agent, for the use of the subscription telecommunication;

"(C) such person has entered into any other contractual arrangement or any other agreement under which such person is entitled to receive the subscription telecommunication from the person originating the subscription telecommunication, or his agent; or

"(D) such person has reasonable cause to believe that such person is entitled to receive the subscription telecommunication from the person originating the subscription telecommunication, or his agent.

"(4) The provisions of paragraph (1) and paragraph (2) shall not apply to any interception which is authorized under chapter 119 of title 18, United States Code.

"(b)(1)(A) Except as provided in subparagraph (B), any person who is aggrieved by any violation of subsection (a) may commence a civil action for actual damages, for damages under paragraph (2), and for equitable relief against the person who alleged to have committed the violation.

"(B) No civil action may be commenced under subparagraph (A) after the end of the 2-year period following the date of the discovery of the alleged violation, or the 7-year period following the date of the occurrence of the alleged violation, whichever occurs first.

"(2) Any person who violates subsection (a) shall be liable to any aggrieved person for damages in the amount of \$100 per day for each day in which the violation occurs, except that any damages awarded under this paragraph shall not be more than \$1000.

"(3) In any civil action under this subsection in which the court determines that the plaintiff has substantially prevailed, the court may assess against the defendant reasonable attorney fees and other costs of litigation reasonably incurred, and the court may award, for a violation of subsection (a)(2), such punitive damages as it considers appropriate. Any punitive damages awarded by a court under this paragraph shall be in addition to any other damages or equitable relief awarded by the court under this subsection.

"(4) Any civil action under this subsection may be commenced in any United States district court of competent jurisdiction, without regard to the amount in controversy, or in any other court of competent jurisdiction.

"(c)(1) Any person who violates subsection (a)(1) shall be fined not more than \$25,000, or imprisoned for not more than 1 year, or both.

"(2) Any person (other than an individual) who violates subsection (a)(2) shall be fined not more than \$1,000,000. Any individual who violates subsection (a)(2) shall be fined not more than \$250,000, or imprisoned for not more than eighteen months, or both. If the conviction is for a violation committed after the first conviction of the individual under this paragraph, the individual shall be fined not more than \$250,000, or imprisoned for not more than forty months, or both.

"(d) The penalties established in this section shall be in lieu of any penalties established in any other provision of this Act.

"(e) For purposes of this section:

"(1) The term 'basic telecommunications service' means that basic two-way switched voice telephone service which is provided as an interstate telecommunications service on the effective date of this section and which is provided on a universal basis to the general public. Such term includes any other interstate telecommunications service which the Commission, from time to time, determines by rule is recognized as an essential part of an efficient nationwide system of basic telecommunications.

"(2) The term 'interception' means the receipt of any subscription telecommunications.

"(3) The term 'subscription telecommunication' means any telecommunication, other than basic telecommunications service, which is intended for receipt in intelligible form only by a person who has agreed to pay a fee or charge to the person originating the telecommunication, or his agent, and any other telecommunication, incident to such telecommunication.

"(4) The term 'telecommunication' means any transmission, emission, or reception of signs, signals, writings, images, and sound or intelligence of any nature by wire, radio, optical, or other electromagnetic systems."

WRITE TO YOUR LEGISLATORS

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United States Senate
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Washington, D.C. 20510

Honorable Donald E. Young
House of Representatives
1210 Longworth House Office Bldg.
Washington, D.C. 20515

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Honorable Harley O. Staggers, Chairman
House Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce
Rayburn Building Suite 2125
Washington, D.C. 20515

Honorable Peter W. Rodino, Jr., Chairman
House Committee on the Judiciary
Rayburn Building Suite 2137
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HOW TO INFLUENCE CONGRESS

1. Don't send a form letter unless you absolutely can't take time to write your own letter.
2. Don't mention your membership in a citizens' organization. Legislators usually know the organization's position already. The individual citizen's letter is more influential than the letter obviously inspired by an organization.
3. Don't repeat slogans or phrases from a newsletter or form letter. Your own words make the crucial difference.
4. Make it a page or less, covering only one subject, written in your own words and including thoughts of your own.
5. Refer to the bill by its number and name.
6. Tell the legislator exactly what you want him to do, and give your reasons.
7. Ask the legislator to tell you his position on the matter: "Will you support this legislation?" or "Will you oppose this legislation?"
8. When the legislator replies, write a follow-up letter to re-emphasize your position and give your reaction to the congressman's answer.
9. Don't send carbon copies or Xerox copies of your letters to save time. At the risk of writer's cramp or typist's knuckles, write to each senator and congressman individually because it is the only way to be taken seriously and to get a good answer.

From: "How to Influence Congress", Outdoor America, Jan/Feb 1979, p. 8
Excerpted from How You Can Influence Congress: The Complete Handbook for the Citizen Lobbyist by George Alderson and Everett Sentmann, E. P. Dutton, Publisher, 1979.

LETTER TO THE ALASKAN CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION

Dear Senator (Representative) _____:

REFERENCE: HR-7747 To amend the Communications Act of 1934 to prohibit the unauthorized interception and use of subscription telecommunications and to protect the privacy of users of such telecommunications.

The members of the Anchorage Amateur Radio Club, collectively and individually, request that you vigorously oppose passage of HR-7747, an ammendment to the Communications Act of 1934, that is now before the House Committees on the Judiciary and on Interstate and Foreign Commerce. The proposed ammendment forbids reception of certain broadcasts under pain of heavy fine and/or imprisonment. The purpose of the Act seems to be the protection of certain commercial (TV) broadcasters. Note that only certain broadcasts are prohibited, not specific segments of the frequency spectrum.

This act, like the several gun control and prohibition schemes that have been tried, will stand no chance of accomplishing its objectives. On the contrary, it will, instead, have a very negative impact on the very purposes of the Act it intends to ammend and, in a far more serious vein, may have very severe impact on free information transfer and freedom of the press.

One very important "spin-off" of the Communications Act is the development of the Amateur Radio Service and all that it stands for. The list of innovative communication advances developed through Amateur experimentation is long and impressive, containing many techniques now used commercially and by the military. The Public Service activities of radio amateurs also constitutes an outstanding "spin-off" of the provisions of the original Act. Any, I repeat, any restriction of the provisions of the Act can only dampen the other parts and thereby defeat its purposes. The cost of protecting a few commercial interests is too great.

A far more serious threat however, lies in the very nature of, and possible future expansion of the list of "forbidden broadcasts". The concept of licensed reception of transmissions is used in many countries of the world to suppress the acquisition of information. It is used as the main means of preventing the formation of an informed electorate and citizenry. Those countries that use the concept are not known for their support of democratic principles. Is there any real difference between forbidden broadcasts and forbidden newspapers or books? Are we about to take the first step in diminishing freedom of the press? Is the protection of a few commercial broadcasters worth this price. We think not, indeed, we are certain that it is not.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter. We are looking forward to learning of your vigorous opposition to this ammendment.

Sincerely yours,

cc: House Committee on the Judiciary
House Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce.

ANCHORAGE AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

General Meeting

7 November 1980

The meeting was called to order by the President, Chip Lewis, and introductions were held.

Chip directed the attention of the group to an article in regarding House of Representatives Bill HR-7747 which would amend the Communications Act of 1934 to forbid reception of certain broadcasts under pain of heavy fine and/or imprisonment. A motion was made and carried to the effect that the club should respond with a letter to Senator Stevens and Congressman Young, indicating that the signatures represent 300 active amateurs and attaching a list of the club members. A copy of the letter will appear in the next newsletter.

Chip also pointed out that the Iditarod article has at long last made its appearance in the November QST on page 46.

Life Membership certificates were presented to the first ten Life Members. The club voted to approve the following Life Members: Roy Hansen, KL7GQ, Les Callison, KL7GRT, and Steve Wilcox, KL7JIM.

Members were reminded that the Ham of the Year will be elected in January.

Cathi Moody, Activities Manger, announced that attendance at the Christmas party requires an RSVP, either by signing the list at the meeting or calling the club phone, 344-2835, by the 19th of November. Cost is \$7.50 for adults, \$3.00 for children, and \$2.50 for those arriving after dinner.

Roy Hansen's contribution in traveling to Valdez to handle Prinsendam traffic was acknowledged. The club moved to send letters of appreciation to Gil's Aircraft and the town of Valdez for their cooperation and assistance.

Dee Barb arick, KL7IZJ, announced that the Flea Market had netted \$2371.72, not including the raffle.

Herb Rosenthal, AL7G, noted that the monies for Life Membership are to be placed in a special fund to draw interest.

A donated 2-meter amplifier and an office chair were auctioned to reimburse KL7GQ for expenses incurred in his trip to Valdez.

The evening program consisted of an excellent karate demonstration by the Alaska Karate Club.

Marian Arlin, KL7IT, Secretary

INCASE YOU HAVEN'T HEARD OR FORGOT, YOU NEED TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT BEFORE YOU CAN TEST TO UPGRADE YOU LICENSE. SO BE SURE TO CALL THE F.C.C. FOR AN APPOINTMENT WHEN YOU PLAN TO UPGRADE.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL OPERATIONS 10/23/80 - 11/19/80

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION 10/23/80 - 11/19/80

Beginning Equity	\$8,227.97			
Net Income	<u>1,240.97</u>			
Ending Balance	\$9,468.94	Variance (6.00)	ENDING EQUITY	\$9,462.94

1980 RAFFLE PROCEEDS REPORT

Submitted by,
Dave Zugsberger, KL7FO,
Treasurer

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ANCHORAGE AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

Board of Directors Meeting

19 November 1980

Present:	President	Chip Lewis	KL7IUI	Board Members:	
	Past President	Fred Wegner	KL7HFM		
	Vice President	Herb Brasseur	KL7JIG	John Bierman	KL7GNP
	Secretary	Marian Arlin	KL7IT	Paul Bestry	KL7FI
	Treasurer	Dave Zugsberger	KL7FO	Dave Cloyd	KL7M
	Activities Mgr	Cathi Moody	WL7ABO	Lloyd Fuller	KL7JGN
	Club Trustee	Bill Reiter	KL7ITI	Wilse Morgan	KL7CQ
				Steve Norrell	KL7IYX
Also Present:	Martha and Dennis Ogren (KL7KL and KL7JHR),			Betty Rhodes	KL7AP
	John Orella, WA6ZIJ, Dyanne Bestry, KL7FV			Dan Rogers	KL7ICP
				Herb Rosenthal	AL7G

The meeting was called to order by the President, Chip Lewis, at Denny's on Northern Lights.

SECRETARY The minutes were accepted as corrected.

TREASURER The Treasurer's report, indicating a balance of \$9462, was accepted. The Board agreed with the proposal of Dave Zugsberger, Treasurer, that \$3000 should be transferred to a savings account with the possibility of investing an additional \$5000 in a money market account. Dave announced that the application for the IRS is now ready, and was accorded a round of applause for his outstanding effort.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS Cathi reported that the bid from Warning Lights of Alaska for reflector direction signs was impossibly high at \$260. She and Herb Brasseur will check other sources.

Herb Rosenthal reported that Jim Wiley has said he would look for the club archives when he had time.

Wilse Morgan reported that the antenna authorized for club purchase at \$100 as a prize for the Oscar shoulder patch contest will be donated. The \$50 will be used for a second prize.

Iditarod: Wilse furnished a list of volunteers from Outside and from Sitka who would like to man checkpoints (KL7APJ, AL7AH, KL7KQ). For the first time the volunteers appear to outnumber the checkpoints. Chip reported that net control will be operated from the 3rd floor of the Sheraton, near Iditarod Headquarters. He requested that problems of any kind occurring during the race be referred to him immediately.

Marian Arlin asked about the status of Faye Johnstone with respect to Life Membership. The four honorary Life Members will be presented with certificates bearing the word "Honorary" in lieu of a number. A heated discussion dealt with the issue of the numbering system and the question of whether general membership voting on Life Membership was necessary. A motion to substitute Board of Directors for general membership voting was defeated. A motion proposed by Steve Norrell, seconded and carried, read as follows: "Life members will be numbered sequentially on the basis of when the \$100 is paid in full. Life Membership will be voted on at the earliest regular meeting after the \$100 is paid."

Paul Bestry reported that he and Dennis Ogren will present the amateur radio demonstration on November 25 at the Old Girdwood School. A show of interest might justify a class in the Community School.

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CHRISTMAS

FLEA MARKET 80

Initial Deposit 500.00

Revenue
 Ticket Sales 448.10
 Booth Space Rental
 and Commission 828.90
 Club Booth Sales &
 Tweak & Peak 1,722.96

Gross Revenue 2,999.96

Expenses
 Space Rental 100.00
 Advertising & Postage 285.00
 Classified 138.04
 Miscellaneous 105.20

Total Expenses 628.24

NET TO CLUB \$2,371.72

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FOR SALE: Drake T4XC with AC supply, Drake R4C with MS-4 Speaker (AC supply
 is mounted in MS-4) \$850.00
 Drake TR=4 with AC-4 and DC supply, MS-4 speaker, FFI fixed freq.
 adapter \$475.00

Call Guy Greene, KL7GHB, home 344-2752 work 266-1673

RESULTS NW DIRECTOR ELECTION

Mary Lewis	W7QCP	2976 votes
Dale Justic	K7WWR	969 votes
Robert Thurston	W7FGY	718 votes

Mel Ellis EVOAZ --Vice Director

Harry Dannals W2UD, President ARRL callwd Mary Lewis November 20th with the results and congratulations

ED. Note: Mary says to pass along Thankyou to all who voted for her and Mel Ellis.

WE WERE LOANED TO SOMEONE AND NOW WE CAN'T FIND OUR WAY
HOME... CAN SOMEONE PLEASE HELP US.....???

Connie KL7JKE is looking for two of his favorite books which were lent out and he can not remember to whom he lent them. If by chance they were lent to you please contact Connie.

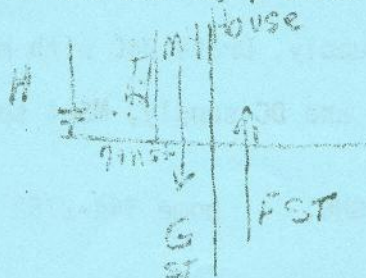
Books were as follows:

1. Artic Vehicle and Mobility
2. Flute for music Educators

Cornie is offering free door prize tickets for the return of these two BIG BLACK BOOKS.

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PARKA's don't forget that the PARKA Christmas party will be held at TANYA WAIKRG's house on ELMENDORF. 34-94 will be monitored that evening for anyone who has any problems with the following map.



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Hill gate

moltoon
GATE

IDITAROD - OCTOBERROD Follow-up.....

As the newsletter went to press last month the Octoberrod was being held. It went off with a great time had by about 50 people who showed up for the party. Dee, KL7IZJ, and Mike, KL7IXT opened their home for the kick-off event. Several reps from Iditarod Headquarters were there and lots of eager Hams. The expected budget for this year's amateur communications support of the race is to be around \$12,000. Bill Reiter, KL7ITI, has offered a package deal on Neo-Life freeze dried foods for those who will be going out to the remote check points. Another deal is in the works to provide the operators with foul weather winter gear--will followup later. The race begins on March 9th so plans are in full swing to get everyone set up and arrangements made. For the first time, more hams than checkpoints are available. This will be very helpful to those who want to go out, but can't spend 2 weeks at a checkpoint. Everyone who wants to participate will be able to. Call Chip KL7IUI for information 333-5713

CHRISTMAS PARTY - By the time this newsletter is delivered the Dec 5th party/meeting will probably be over. Approx. 60 people had RSVP'd with the deadline still a couple of days off. Hope you got your RSVP in on time to enjoy the party.

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KL7MF, Hal Devoe, and KL7PJ, Chuck Zappa have returned from their European tour. They have a lot of pictures and will be presenting them at a club meeting in the near future. The date will be published in the front page calendar when set up.

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ANYONE WISHING TO UPGRADE, BUT NOT ABLE TO MAKE THE WEDNESDAY MORNING FCC SCHEDULE, CAN TEST ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 15 WITH WILSE, KL7CQ'S CLASS. CALL WILSE 345-1061 OR 271-5317 TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS TO FILL OUT A 610 BEFOREHAND. THE TESTING WILL BE AT THE FCC OFFICE ON TUDOR. THE 610'S MUST BE FILLED OUT AND SCHEDULING MADE BY DEC. 12.

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NEW CO-EDITOR NEEDED FOR THE ANCHORAGE ARC

A VOLUNTEER IS NEEDED TO START BREAKING IN FOR THE NEWSLETTER. I, BETTY, KL7AP WILL BE UNABLE TO CONTINUE BEGINNING IN FEBRUARY. MY SPRING SEMESTER AT UAA IS GOING TO BE A LOAD AND A HALF, SO PLEASE, ANYONE WHO IS INTERESTED LET ME KNOW ON 34/94 OR 345-1061. TANYA, WAIRVG AND I HAVE BEEN DOING THE NEWSLETTER FOR A YEAR. WITH THE AMOUNT OF COPY TO TYPE, RUN, COLLATE, AND MAIL, THE JOB USUALLY TAKES 2 DAYS A MONTH. FRESH IDEAS AND NEW BLOOD ARE NEEDED TO KEEP OUR NEWSLETTER INTERESTING AND INFORMATIVE.

FOR SALE: 2 meter F M Motorola Motrac 2 channel already converted to 2 meters
40 watts \$56.00 Jim WA 0LPK 349-2488

November 19, 1980

Letter to the Editor
Anchorage Amateur Radio Club Newsletter

Dear "Ed",

I would like to take this space to spend a few minutes commenting on a situation which I believe needs to be addressed. The problem relates to use of the various repeaters in the area and their role in emergency communications.

On approximately November 15, KL7HDS came upon a disturbance on a city street which required Police attention. An individual either under the influence of alcohol or drugs was in the road challenging vehicles. His life was in danger as drivers were unaware of his presence until he stepped in front of them. Pete attempted to break the conversation on the 34/94 machine but was not acknowledged. He gave up and tried the 90/30 and was unable to get an acknowledgment. While he was trying to break into a conversation, a CB'er with a hand-held walked up and raised the REACT group and the Police were dispatched.

I have nothing against the CB organizations and believe in what the REACT group is doing. The point of the letter is however that as a group with much more going for us technically, we seem to have lost sight of the public service capabilities we possess. We need to stop and consider our operating habits and how they relate to our capabilities. I propose the following for improving our abilities to be ready when needed.

1. When using a repeater for general conversation (the repeaters are open for that unless closed for emergency use) PLEASE pause long enough for a breaker to get into the conversation.
2. When breaking into a conversation for the purpose of general conversation, give your call when breaking. The station using the repeater will know who is breaking and that you just want to comment.
3. When breaking into a conversation with EMERGENCY or PRIORITY traffic use the word BREAK. This way the stations using the machine will know you want immediate attention.
4. If you are capable of working the other station on simplex why not QSY to a simplex channel and not tie up the repeater. It seems such a waste to hear 2 mobile stations talking thru the repeater when they are following each other down the highway.

I am guilty of not conforming to all the above suggestions myself and I don't offer these suggestions in a condemning way. I suggest them only to stimulate action toward solving the above problem. Now don't pick on me when I screw up!

73,

Dave, KL7K

November 14, 1980

HI

My name is Gil Woods and my call is WL7AAX (general ticket). I am a new member of the Anchorage Amateur Radio Club. I am the Vice President of the Mat-Su Valley Club called M.A.R.A. I am also a member in good standing in one of the construction Unions of Anchorage, namely, Local Union 1140 of the painters and tapers. I have started a club called the 1140 Mobil First Aid and Emergency Communications Unit.

The purpose is to take basic first aid and radio communications to areas of high activities, such as Hatcher Pass or maybe a climbing team from a class at ASU practicing the skills of climbing cliffs which can be seen from the roadways. Some of the weekend hobbies take place where there isn't even a trooper in the area or not important enough to have medical help standing by. This is where a unit such as this could do a lot of good.

I don't want someone to get the idea that we are posing as an ambulance or professional medical people because we are not anything of the kind. We're just a group of concerned citizens that have pooled their resources to take a small measure of safety to outlying areas as a public service. We are in the process of starting a newsletter to those interested in the happenings of the clubs here in Anchorage that are involved with the safety of all citizens through communications of all kinds.

I now have two blankets and an air splint for an arm or leg. The reason for these items to be in the van at all times is because most people with outdoor hobbies don't have the capabilities to transfer an injured party off Hatcher Pass, for instance, where an ambulance could meet them. Again, I stress the point that the van is not posing as a legal ambulance, but the injured party would be in where it is warm on a cot and out of the weather. We all know that that is half of the battle against shock. Right now I'm a majority of one (hi hi) as without a newsletter no one knows about the Club, van or me. I need help in letting people know what I'm trying to start up and would take kindly to any input from anyone with ideas. My telephone number is 338-2175 eves. and I'm on some of the nets each night Monday through Fridays. I do have enough radio equipment to meet the needs which might arise.

I hope I haven't taken up too much room but I wanted to tell you what it is I'm doing and where we'll be heading. I'm keeping a logbook of where I've been which includes a trip to Cantwell on a weekend. It was an overnight outing for the wife and I, but at the same time, the van was equipped for an emergency. I have also been walking some of the hiking paths in Anchorage where the APD told me that a lot of crime is always taking place. Later on when some of this gets more organized, I would like to patrol through the parking lots at ASU where some of our young ladies are being robbed, or worse, raped.

Jay Mead, our new M.A.R.A. President and the Union heads have given me whole-hearted support. It has been a big help as you know how hard it is to find somebody to do something other than set in their easy chair and applaud your solitary efforts while doing nothing (themselves). Does that sound familiar??? Thank you for this space in your busy day by reading this piece and for the space in your newsletter.

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Gil
WL7AAX

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